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Saksham Projects
Kher Smt. Kirron

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government proposes to link Central Board of Excise & Customs (CBEC) internal database with GST portal via Project Saksham;
(b) If so, the details thereof;
(c) Whether the said project is likely to interference with the existing taxpayer services, if so, the details thereof; and
(d) The estimated cost for the completion of this project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

a) & b) No, CBEC internal database will not be exposed to any external system. Project Saksham will enable up-gradation and augmentation of CBEC's IT Infrastructure. This project will also enable setting up of an information exchange mechanism through secure methods of message exchange.

c) CBEC is committed to a seamless transition of existing taxpayer services in a phased manner to the new platform. Thus, planned downtime will be kept to the barest minimum by performing such activities mostly over weekends and holidays.

d) The total cost approved by Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs is Rs. 2256 crores (approx.) over a period of seven years, for implementation, operations and maintenance.